(a) whether with the unabated violent activities of the militants in the country and with the experience gained in dealing with their activities, Government have considered desirability of having a national policy on militants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the decision if any, taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to consider the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government is fully aware of the situation created by the terrorist elements in the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace and stability prevails throughout the country. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the terrorist elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress the genuine grievances of the people. Various steps are being taken in this direction with close cooperation of the State Governments.

संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त हुए पत्रों का उत्तर न दिया जाना

647. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत छः महीनों के दौरान उनके मंत्रालय के विभिन्न विभागों को संसद सदस्यों से कितने-कितने पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए हैं ;

(ख) कितने पत्रों आदि की पावती 15 दिनों के भीतर भेजी गयी और कितने पत्रों का अन्तिम उत्तर अभी तक नहीं भेजा गया है ;

(ग) पत्रों की पावती समय पर न भेजे जाने तथा पत्रों का अन्तिम उत्तर तीन महीनों के भीतर न भेजे जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे कितने अधिकारी हैं जो न केवल पावती या अन्तिम उत्तर न भेजने के लिये ही वरन संसद सदस्यों को गुमराह करने के लिये भी जिम्मेदार हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (घ) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान (जनवरी, 1992 से जून, 1992 तक) इस मंत्रालय द्वारा संसद सदस्यों के कुल मिलाकर 3627 पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन प्राप्त किए गए। जब भी कोई पत्र प्राप्त होता है तो उसकी पावती निश्चित रूप से भेजी जाती है। दिनांक 30 जून, 1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार, 1382 पत्रों के अंतिम उत्तर नहीं भेजे गए। इनमें से 733, स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन से संबंधित हैं जिन पर राज्य सरकार के साथ परामर्श किए जाने की आवश्यकता है तथा वे पुराने रिकार्ड के संदर्भ में हैं। 333 पत्र कानून और व्यवस्था की समस्या से संबंधित हैं जिनके लिए संबंधित राज्य सरकारों से सूचना एकत्र की जानी है। स्थानान्तरण तथा तैनाती से संबंधित 180 पत्रों के बारे में केन्द्रीय पुलिस संगठनों के अधीन विभिन्न इकाइयों/संगठनों से सूचना एकत्र की जानी है। अंतिम रूप से जवाब देने से पहले विभिन्न एजेंसियों से सूचना एकत्र करनी है तथापि, संबंधित विभागों से सूचना प्राप्त न होने के कारण कुछ समय का विलम्ब होने से इंकार नहीं किया जा सकता। संबंधित एजेंसियों से प्राप्त सूचना के आधार पर कम से कम समय में वास्तविक सूचना देने के प्रयास सभी स्तरों पर किए जाते हैं।

648. *[Transferred to the 27th July, 1992.]*

Review of the constitution

649. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed or propose to review the Constitution of India in the context of the experience of the Centre-State relation since independence;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions from the States in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Chief Secretaries of six States in their meeting at Delhi on the 23rd May, 1992 suggested the withdrawal of 42nd Contitutional Amendment; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The working of the Constitution has demonstrated that its fundamental scheme and provisions have withstood reasonably well the inevitable stresses and strains of a developing democracy. At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for a review of the Constitution of India as such.

(b) No suggestion for review of the Constitution of India as such has been received from the State Governments. However, the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre State Relations are under discussion in the Committee of the Inter-State Council.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Assam rifles from Kangla Fort

650. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to remove the Assam Rifles garrison from Kangla Fort at Imphal in Manipur;

(b) whether the State Government of Manipur had allotted an alternative site for locating the Assam Rifle garrison; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to resolve this long pending sensitive issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for acquisition of 156.89 acres of land at Zirabham Road, Imphal is under consideration of Government of India. As soon as this proposal for acquisition of land mentioned above, is approved by the Government of India and Government of Manipur provide facilities like water, electricity and tarmac road to the new site, suitable action would be taktn to shift the Assam Rifles from Kangla Fort, in a phased manner, to the new site.

Kidnapping in Kashmir

651. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether kidnapping by militants in Kashmir has lately become the order of the day;

(b) the number of kidnappings made by the different militant out-fits in Kashmir during the year 1991 and so far 1992; and the details thereof;

(c) the sections of siciety which are the main targets of such kidnappings; and